

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

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| Andrew B. Lederman      | Confirmation No.: | 7813                     |
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For: **SUTURE NEEDLES AND METHODS OF USE**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

The FINAL Office Action dated February 21, 2007 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.